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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculating the filing fee and examination of the application on the merits, entry of the followings amendments and remarks into the record is respectfully requested.

In the Specification:

Change the title to -- TABLET CONTAINING A COATED CORE -- .

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 to 5 and 10 to 15.

Sub C.1  
6 (amended). A tablet formulation according to Claim 16 wherein the core and the casing layer both comprise a compact of compressed ingredients including the respective active materials.

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7 (amended). A tablet formulation according to Claim 16 wherein the release retarding coating is an enteric polymer.

8 (amended). A tablet formulation according to Claim 16 further comprising one or more sub-coats beneath the release retarding coating layer.

9 (amended). A tablet formulation according to Claim 16 further comprising one or more over-coats above the release retarding coating layer.

Please amend the following claims:

Please add the following new claims 16-18:

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Sub C.2  
16. A tablet formulation for oral administration comprising amoxycillin and clavulanate in a ratio of 30:1 to 1:1 in which a portion of the amoxycillin and a portion of the